

**THEODORE WARD.** Duchesne Stake, Duchesne Co., Utah, was for a short time the name applied to the present Duchesne Ward in its early history. A branch of the Church named Theodore, in honor of Pres. Theodore Roosevelt, was organized Dec. 23, 1906, from the west part of the Duchesne Ward, of the Uintah Stake, which ward at that time contained all the saints residing in what later became Duchesne County, Utah. Joseph A. Fortie was chosen as presiding Elder of the Theodore Branch. At a meeting held Aug. 27, 1907, the Duchesne Ward was divided, and the west part of the same, i. e., the Theodore Branch, was organized as the Theodore Ward, with Alva N. Murlock, who had acted as second counselor to presiding Elder Joseph A. Fortie, as Bishop. The east part of the district, or the Duchesne Ward, retained the old name of Duchesne until 1910, when the Duchesne Stake of Zion was organized and the whole district formerly embraced in the Duchesne Ward was known as the Theodore Ward. In 1915 the name of the Theodore Ward was changed to Duchesne Ward, which name it bears in 1930.

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Duchesne County was named after Fort Duchesne situated within the area. White man's occupation of the Duchesne area doesn't date back very far. For many years it was an Indian reservation, and was not open for settlement to white people. Since that time a number of towns have been settled.

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